

A monthly newsletter for the citizens of the City of Rockville

Five Incumbents Win Re-Election

Rockville Voters Choose Giammo, Dorsey, Hall, Hoffmann, Robbins; Citizens Strongly Support 2-Year Terms in Referendum

Mayor Larry Giammo and all four incumbent members of the City Council won re-election on Nov. 4 in the City of Rockville's 59th Mayor and Council election. A non-binding advisory referendum asking residents if they preferred the current two-year terms for elected officials, or longer four-year terms, showed that they would like the existing system of two-year terms to continue.

Giammo, 39, won his second term by defeating Russell Hamill, Jr., a longtime Montgomery County administrator who recently retired. Giammo's total was 3,736 (61 percent). Hamill had 2,332 votes (38 percent).

Eight candidates were competing for the four Council seats, which, like the mayor's position, carry two-year terms.



Elected in November were (left to right): Mayor Larry Giammo and Councilmembers Bob Dorsey, John Hall, Jr., Susan Hoffmann and Anne Robbins.

Winning a sixth term was incumbent Robert (Bob) Dorsey, 57, with 3,700 votes (16.9 percent). Anne M. Robbins, 61, won her third term (3,624 votes, 16.5 percent). Winning their second

terms were John F. Hall, Jr., 39, with 4,042 votes (18 percent) and Susan R. Hoffmann, 59, with 3,511 votes (16 percent).

The other candidates were Phyllis Marcuccio of East

Rockville (3,302 votes, 15.1 percent), Travis Nelson from Falls Grove (1,486 votes, 6.8 percent), Harry W. Thomas, Jr. (1,619 votes, 7.4 percent) and Lih Young (602 votes, 2.8 percent). There were a total of 29 write-in votes.

The Mayor and Council decided to place the non-binding referendum regarding term lengths on the ballot following a recommendation of a Charter Review Commission that was appointed by the Mayor and Council in the summer of 2002.

The referendum outcome was 3,931 votes (64.4 percent) for two-year terms and 2,173 votes for four-year terms (35.6 percent). In 1997, a similar referendum on term lengths attracted 2,454 votes to retain two-year terms and 2,091 votes to move to four-year terms.

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This year, the City used touch-screen voting machines for the first time and the process went extremely well, according to City Clerk Claire Funkhouser. A total of 6,170 votes were cast, representing approximately 21.6 percent of the 28,510 eligible voters.

The Mayor and Council were sworn in Sunday, Nov. 16, at the City's F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre during Inauguration ceremonies.

See page 5 for complete election results, or check the City's site at www.rockvillemd.gov, which includes a breakdown of votes by precinct. **RR**

Town Center Updates

The grand opening is still more than two years away, but the planning stages for Rockville Town Center are already creating a flurry of activity.

The Mayor and Council is considering the formation of a parking district that would have merchants and owners of office space who benefit from the future parking spaces to help pay for those spaces through a special assessment. The Mayor and Council also is considering transportation options that would help needy Town Center residents reach grocery shopping destinations during the two years of Town Center



For the latest on Town Center, including the proposed parking district, see inside page 3 for the full stories.

construction.

Citizens can learn more about all aspects of Rockville's new downtown at an open house at City Hall on Tues-

day, Dec. 16, starting at 7 p.m.

For the full story on Town Center developments, see page 3 of this edition of *Rockville Reports*. **RR**

Rockville to Consider Smoking Ordinance Dec. 8

Rockville's Mayor and Council have set Monday, Dec. 8, as a tentative date to address a proposed ordinance that would allow Montgomery County's ban on smoking in restaurants and bars apply in the City.

Much of the testimony at a Nov. 13 City public hearing on the ordinance centered on two major issues.

Those in favor of a ban on smoking supported the thought that patrons have a right to enjoy a restaurant or bar without the interference of smoke, and that employees should not be subjected to second-hand smoke. Those who oppose a ban say businesses

should maintain the option to operate in a manner that would not financially affect the ownership and employees.

One speaker suggested a compromise: Have designated family hours for dining

in which no smoking would be allowed and have later hours that would primarily affect bar patrons who choose to be in a smoking environment.

"We take this matter very seriously," said Councilmember Susan Hoffmann. "We have all spoken on this issue, but none of us takes anything that affects businesses lightly. However, there also is a health issue to consider." **RR**

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December's Best of Rockville

Dec. 6

Senior Center's 20th Annual Holiday Bazaar (pictured at right). 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Crafts, plants, raffle, food, art and much, much more. See page 8 for details. For more information call 240-314-8800.



Dec. 7

Trip to New York City to see Rockettes. Tickets are still available. Experience the world-famous show at Radio City Music Hall. Spend time in Manhattan. Call for details: 240-314-8641.

Dec. 20

Dive-In Movie: "Finding Nemo." Rockville Municipal Swim Center, 355 Martins Lane. 8 p.m. See ad on page 6 for details. Call for more information: 240-314-8750.

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German Students Enjoy Rockville

As part of the ongoing relationship with its Sister City, Pinneberg, Germany, Rockville welcomed 12 students and two teachers from Matthius-Claudius School for two weeks in October.

The German high school students and teachers stayed with host families from Wootton High School. The exchange was coordinated by Rockville's Sister City Corporation, which also hosted a going away picnic to bid its Sister City friends farewell.

While in Rockville the students and teachers had the opportunity to experience many City offerings, and also visited Washington, D.C., Baltimore,

the popular "haunted trail" in Poolesville and the German Embassy. The group also went rock climbing.

Rockville's Mayor and Council welcomed the 14 visitors with certificates of recognition during a General Session.

After leaving Rockville, the group went to New York City before returning to Pinneberg.

The international Sister City program was created in 1956 by President Dwight Eisenhower to involve people and organized groups in citizen diplomacy. In 1957, Rockville was paired with Pinneberg, which has many of the same characteristics, needs and concerns. The two cities



Rockville and Pinneberg, Germany, have been active Sister Cities since 1957. Their long-standing relationship was recently featured in a popular German newspaper.

actively maintain the relationship, which was recently featured in a popular German newspaper (see photo). **RR**

Deadlines for MLK Awards Approaching

Nominations for MLK, Jr. Youth Award, Taff Award Will Be Accepted Through Dec. 8

Rockville's Human Rights Commission is accepting nominations for its annual F. Michael Taff Award and Martin Luther King Jr. Youth Award that will be presented at the City's 32nd annual Martin Luther King Jr. celebration on Jan. 19. The deadline for nominations for both awards is Dec. 8.

The Taff Award honors an individual or organization that has made a contribution to improving the lives of people with disabilities. This contribution may include efforts to improve accessibility for people with disabilities, raise public

proved the quality of life of one or more people with disabilities.

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Youth Award honors a student attending a high school located in Rockville who has embraced and promoted the dreams of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Nominees for the award will be judged on their consistent attention to pursuing avenues leading to peace and/or

awareness and appreciation for everyone.

Last year's award recipient was Miryam Oziel, a then-senior at Richard Montgomery High School.

"The Martin Luther King Jr. Youth Award is typically presented to a teen who embodies the vision of the great Dr. King, Jr.," Kelly said. "Last year's recipient, Miryam, exhibited these qualities through her commitment and focus of making his teachings a reality."

Applications for the awards may be obtained by calling the Human Rights Office at 240-314-8316. Individuals or organizations wishing to submit nominations should send completed applications to the Rockville Human Rights Commission, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, Md., 20850.

Any individual with a disability who would like to receive this information in another form should contact the City's ADA Coordinator at 240-314-8139 or TTY 240-314-8137. **RR**

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— Janet Kelly, Staff Coordinator of the MLK Event.

awareness of disability issues, or in any way further the cause of people with disabilities.

The award bears the name of F. Michael Taff, former chairperson of the Rockville Human Rights Commission who demonstrated a commitment to people with disabilities. Last year's winner was Vivian Bass, Executive Director of the Jewish Foundation for Group Homes.

"This award is really a statement of kindness, generosity and selflessness on behalf of the recipient," said Janet Kelly, the City's staff coordinator of the event. "It truly represents the human spirit, and we look forward to giving the award each year."

Applicants for the Taff Award will be judged on the extent to which they have im-

Focus on COMMUNITY SERVICES OFFICER

Rockville has many programs that affect the lives of residents. On a regular basis, "Focus On" will take an introspective look at these programs and detail the impact they have for City residents.

McGruff the Crime Dog – a national symbol of crime prevention – would be extremely proud of the Rockville City Police Department.

City Police understand just how important crime prevention is in the broad scope of law enforcement.

"We are committed to the residents of Rockville, which shows in our approach to law enforcement," said Police Chief Terry Treschuk. "We work with the community around the clock on crime prevention and repression. Our efforts involve many programs."

One such program is through the position of the Community Services Officer. On a two-year basis, an officer serves as the community's liaison to the Police Department. For the past two years, Police Corporal Ken Matney has worked extensively with community organizations, civic groups, schools and countless individuals.

Beginning last month, Corporal Matney's two-year rotation concluded and Police Officer Jan Seilhamer was named the department's new Community Services Officer. Matney returned to regular patrol for the department.

"I've always liked working directly with the community," Seilhamer said. "In my new role as Community Services Officer, I will have the chance to attend neighborhood watch meetings, work with drug education for children and many other areas



Police Officer Jan Seilhamer (left) was named the Rockville City Police Department's new Community Services Officer in November. Seilhamer assumed the position after Police Corporal Ken Matney completed two years as the Community Services Officer.

that will promote crime prevention in Rockville."

A police officer for seven years, including four with Rockville, Seilhamer has already jumped into her role.

"So far, I've been to a bunch of meetings, talking to residents about how to address crime prevention in their neighborhoods," she said. "Programs like this Community Services Officer position have such a great impact by sharing information with residents. They will know that I'm here, ready to work with them about how to make their communities safer. Working with the community, of course, is a responsibility of every officer, but I will always be available – that is my number one priority."

Seilhamer will have many responsibilities in her new position. She will coordinate the City's National Night Out, which is an annual event in August that promotes neigh-

borhood unity and crime prevention. The City generally has more than 50 neighborhoods participate, and is hoping to expand next year. McGruff the Crime Dog is one of the most popular features of the yearly event.

In addition, Seilhamer will be committed to the City's PROS (Police Reaching Out to Students) efforts, organize the citizen and senior citizen police academies, respond to other community needs and heighten the community's involvement with the Police Department.

"Officer Seilhamer has an excellent reputation working with the community," Chief Treschuk said. "Many residents already know Jan, and I'm confident that everyone will be pleased with her work."

To contact Community Services Officer Seilhamer, call 240-314-8922. **RR**



Got a nature lover in your life?

Get to 'Nature Notions' for the perfect gift for this holiday season.

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A great gift shop located inside the Nature Center, filled with items that are made from recycled content or eco-sensitive alternatives. You will be amazed at the selection. Things for the whole family: Denim Pencils • Bookmarks • Journals • T-Shirts • Tornado In A Jar • Growing Creatures Made From Recycled Materials • and much more!



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Snow Happens!

What You Need To Know Before It Snows

Snow Emergency Parking Ordinance

Over the summer, the Mayor and Council approved changes to an ordinance regarding parking in the City during a "snow emergency."

Conditions leading to a "snow emergency" are significant, deep snow. The City Manager may declare a "snow emergency" and will announce the status through local media, via the City's Web (www.rockvillemd.gov) and on The Rockville Channel (Cable Channel 11).

The "snow emergency" ordinance states:

- The City Manager may invoke "snow emergency" parking restrictions
- The City may remove or im-

Snow Shoveling

Rockville's Community Enhancement/Code Enforcement Division encourages everyone to assist in keeping the sidewalks clear of snow and ice.

The City's Snow Ordinance requires that snow must be removed from all sidewalks, steps, driveways, parking spaces and the paved right-of-way sidewalk immediately fronting or abutting a property. This includes access ramps and curb cuts designed for use by people with disabilities.

Snow and ice removal must occur within 24 hours if the snowfall is less than 3 inches and within 48 hours if it surpasses 3 inches. Fines may be imposed if the ordinance is not followed. Call 240-314-8330 for more information.



Before the first major storm hits Rockville, residents should be aware of some important information regarding parking, shoveling and contact information about programs and services.

pound cars improperly parked

- Residents with driveways must park all vehicles there
- Residents without driveways, or who have more vehicles than will fit in the driveway, may park on the even-numbered side of the street only
- In courts or cul-de-sacs, where house numbers are not even on one side of the street and odd on the other, parking is allowed only on the left side of the streets as one enters the cul-de-sac or court
- No parking is allowed in the "bulb" of the cul-de-sac or court
- After the snowfall ends and the odd-numbered side of the street is cleared, vehicles must be moved to the odd-numbered side to allow plows to clear the even-numbered side
- A fine of \$100 for a "snow emergency" parking violation will be incurred

For more information, contact the Public Works Department at 240-314-8500.

Rockville Inclement Weather Updates

The City of Rockville announces inclement weather status through several outlets.

To find out whether a City meeting or recreation program has been cancelled due to the winter weather, always check the City's Web site (www.rockvillemd.gov), The Rockville Channel (Cable Channel 11) and the following radio and television stations for Rockville City government closings and delays:

Radio: WTOP (1500 AM, 820 AM, 107.7 FM and 103.5 FM); WARW (94.7 FM); WRQX (107.3 FM); WFRE (99.9 FM and 930 AM).

TV: WRC-TV (NBC Channel 4); WTTG-Fox TV (Channel 5); WJLA-TV (ABC Channel 7 and NewsChannel 8); and WUSA-TV (CBS Channel 9).

The Rockville Recreation Inclement Weather hotline number is 240-314-5020. **RR**

Town Center: Planning Ahead

As the Town Center redevelopment moves forward in Rockville, there are three updates residents should know:

- The new Rockville Town Center will have parking, and lots of it.
- Options are being considering on how to help needy residents reach grocery shopping destinations during two years of major construction.
- And there is the need to get further input from citizens, and answer their questions.

Groundbreaking is scheduled for this spring, and the City has been working with the public to identify solutions to some issues, and will continue to invite public opinion.

Parking District

Recently, the City held two open houses concerning a proposed parking district for Town Center. The redeveloped downtown will have more than more than 1,800 publicly owned parking spaces. Although parking fees, over time, will help pay for some of the construction of those spaces (many of which will be in three public parking

garages), additional funding is needed.

The City is seeking funding aid from the state and Montgomery County, but also is proposing a parking district. Businesses—office, retail and service—

within this district would be subject to a uniform tax that will benefit each business because ample parking will encourage people to come to Town Center.

A Nov. 17 public hearing was held by the Mayor and Council concerning the parking district. Yet to be determined are the rates of the special assessment and the hours drivers would be charged for parking.

Citizens may continue to send opinions on the parking district to the Mayor and Council through Monday, Dec. 1. After that, the Mayor and Council will consider their next action on the proposal.

Interim Transportation

At an Oct. 22 worksession, the Mayor and Council discussed options on how to help residents who now walk to Magruder's grocery store in Town Center but will face a more difficult situation while the

only downtown grocery is closed during the initial phase of construction.

There will be further worksessions to identify the best solution.

Open House

The City invites the public to attend the next Town Center Open House to share ideas, and to learn more about development on Tuesday, Dec. 16, at 7 p.m. at City Hall. City staff will be available to discuss updated plans for Town Center and answer questions concerning the project. **RR**

Duncan Requests \$12 Million for Town Center

Montgomery County Executive Douglas M. Duncan has sent the County Council a request for a supplemental appropriation of \$400,000 to the 2004 county Capital Budget and an amendment to the 2003-08 Capital Improvement Program that, in total, would provide \$12 million to help fund the building of Rockville Town Center.

More Meters To Be Installed

Rockville on Jan. 2 will begin the first phase of implementing 394 parking meters in three areas of the City.

The first meters to be installed will go around the Twinbrook Metro station, where many commuters have occupied spaces all day to avoid paying parking fees adjacent to the station. All of the meters in this area will have 12-hour availability on streets including Bouic Avenue, Chapman Avenue (from Halpine Road to Twinbrook Parkway), Halpine Road (from Route 355 to Chapman); and Thompson Avenue (from Route 355 to Chapman and Chapman to the dead end).

Over the summer, the Mayor and Council approved a plan to install 394 new parking meters. This will bring the total number of meters in the City to 502, including 108 that were installed two years ago in the Town Center area.

The rates at all meters will remain at 50 cents per hour. After the meters are installed, there will be a one-

week grace period in which violators will receive written warnings.

NEXT STEP

- ✓ New meters are scheduled to be put into effect on Jan. 2 in the Twinbrook Metro Station area

In addition to the Twinbrook area, the two other areas that will receive parking meters in the coming months are:

- In the Town Center area: Fleet Street (12 hour meters), Middle Lane (North Washington Street to South Adams), Monroe Place, Vinson Street and the 100 block of South Washington Street (all two hours)
- On North Stonestreet Avenue: from Park Road to Lincoln Avenue (12 hours)

Walker Parking Consultants, a firm hired by the City to study parking issues, estimates the new meters could generate \$880,000 to \$1.4 million in revenue each year. The revenue will be one of several sources that will help pay for the three public parking garages to be built in the new

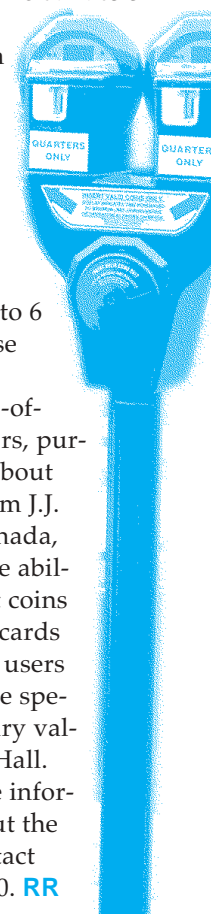
Town Center.

In business areas, it is hoped meters lead to more turnover of spaces to help merchants.

Two-hour meters will be in effect from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Extended 12-hour meters will be in effect from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. on those same days.

The state-of-the-art meters, purchased for about \$135,000 from J.J. MacKay Canada, will have the ability to accept coins or pre-paid cards that regular users can purchase specific monetary values at City Hall.

For more information about the meters, contact 240-314-8910. **RR**



Playground Advice Sought

Residents Near Elwood Smith, Maryvale Parks Invited to Work With City in Selecting New Equipment for Children's Rec Areas

When was the last time you had an opportunity to play around to make a difference for the community?

Would you like to?

The City of Rockville is seeking volunteers to assist in selecting playground equipment, so if you have been looking for a community volunteer activity that is fun, this may be just what you have been searching for.

Two City parks, Maryvale Park and Elwood Smith Park, are scheduled to receive replacement playground equipment, and volunteers of all ages from those communities are invited to participate in the selection process.

"We like to include members of the community to make decisions, especially when it directly affects so many people," said Parks Services Manager Mike Critzer. "The types of playground equipment can vary greatly, and we want to ensure that these communities are involved in the decision."

Specifically, volunteers will attend three meetings. At the first meeting, volunteers will be given equipment catalogs to pick their top 10 play activities. At the second meeting staff will make a list of the top



The playground at Isreal Park, behind the Lincoln Park Community Center, received an extensive make-over this summer, including some brand new, state-of-the-art equipment that was selected by volunteers from the Lincoln Park community. Some features include a small-scale rock climbing wall, rubberized and low-impact surface, zip line and many more popular additions. Community members who live near Maryvale Park and Elwood Smith Park will have the opportunity to select playground equipment for those facilities in December.

10 choices overall. At the third meeting, staff will review the new equipment plans/drawings with volunteers to finalize the completed design.

The process of including the community in the selection of park equipment has proven successful. The equipment

chosen for Isreal Park was based on the choices of several volunteers from the Lincoln Park community.

If you or a member of your family is interested in helping, please contact the Parks and Facilities Division at 240-314-8700. **RR**

Sponsor a Family During the Holidays

During Rockville's annual Holiday Drive last year, 69 families were able to better enjoy the holiday season thanks to the City's "sponsorship" component of the drive.

Any group or individual that wishes to sponsor a senior or a family may contribute on this more personal level. Donations in this way often create a stronger sense of community, as contributors get to personally and directly affect a specific family or senior.

The families submit a "wish list"

and those sponsoring the family may

provide items on the list – items the children and family members have specifically wished for. Family/senior sponsors also provide items for a holiday meal, which truly completes the holiday experience.

"To me, sponsoring a family is exactly how I want to support the Holiday Drive," one donor said. "The list that the children made was precious, and if I had more to give, I would have bought the whole toy store for them. The family was so truly beautiful and grateful and it was the least I could do."

Last year, many groups served as sponsors including a girls' basketball team, departments of companies, a Sunday school class, Scout troops, church groups and other car-

ing families.

But family sponsorship is only one way to contribute to Rockville's Holiday Drive.

"Monetary gifts and new toy donations are the greatest need we have in December for the Holiday Drive," said Mary Lou Jacobs, Community Services Program Manager.

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— Holiday Drive Donor

This year, toy donations will be used for the *Secret Toy Shoppe* where referred parents will select a special toy for each child. Suggested toy donations include multi-cultural Barbie Dolls, board

youth, sports equipment (basketballs, footballs, soccer balls), Walkman radio/cassette players, inexpensive cameras and watches, action figures, craft kits and dolls.

Financial donations will help defray the cost of food gift certificates for low-income seniors and families with children.

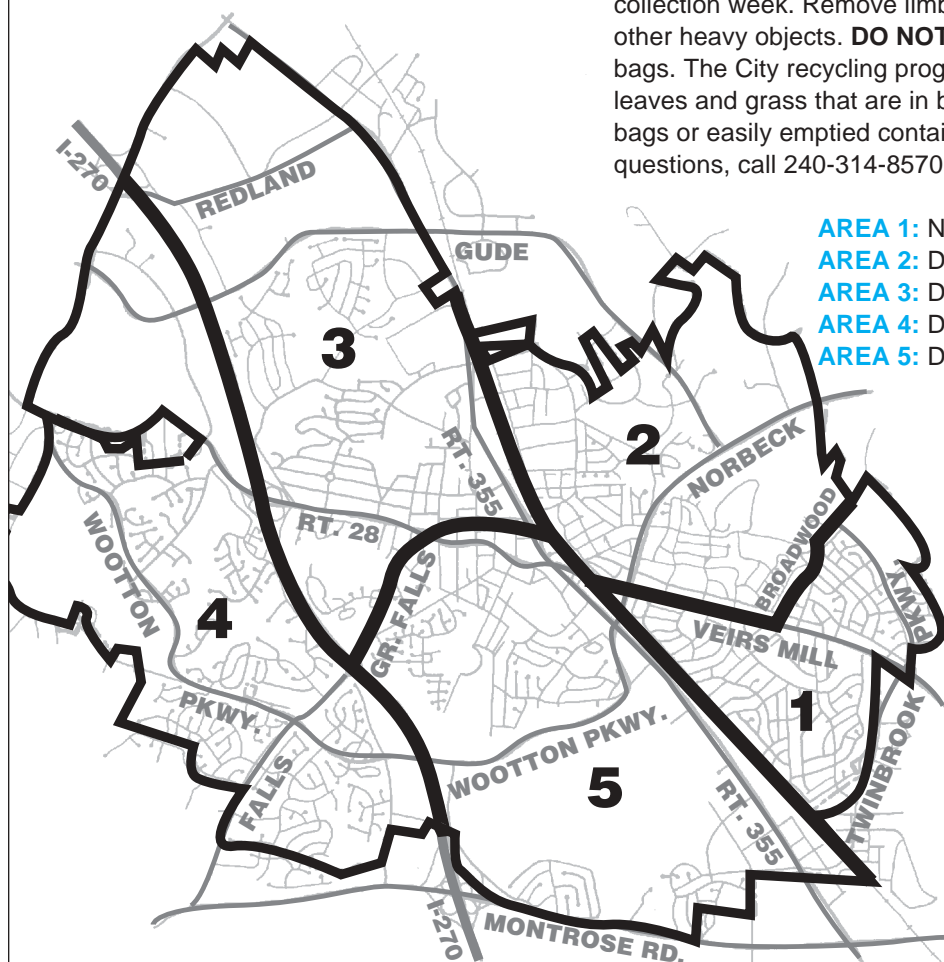
Checks should be made payable to the Rockville Holiday Drive Fund and mailed to the Department of Neighborhood and Community Services, Attn: Rockville Holiday Drive, 32 Courthouse Square, Rockville Md. 20850.

Those interested in sponsoring a family should call Sarah Gicale at 240-314-8304. And for more information about the Holiday Drive, call 240-314-8307. **RR**

Fall Leaf Collection Schedule

The City will be collecting leaves through December. **DO:** Rake leaves into the gutter, or immediately adjacent to the pavement where no curb or gutter exists, by 6 a.m. on Friday of the collection week. Remove limbs, rocks and other heavy objects. **DO NOT:** Use plastic bags. The City recycling program will collect leaves and grass that are in biodegradable bags or easily emptied containers. For specific questions, call 240-314-8570.

AREA 1: Nov. 24 to Nov. 28
AREA 2: Dec. 1 to Dec. 5
AREA 3: Dec. 8 to Dec. 12
AREA 4: Dec. 15 to Dec. 19
AREA 5: Dec. 22 to Dec. 26



Fire Safety This Winter

The City's Fire Marshal, Bill Hamilton, reminds residents that cold weather brings with it an increased risk of fire. He emphasizes that it is important to keep all combustible materials away from furnaces, water heaters and electric heaters.

"It's very sad," Hamilton said, "but there are many, many preventable fires that happen in the winter. Simple steps of caution and prevention could go a long way this season for families, individuals, businesses and offices."

The heat from appliances can easily ignite clothes, boxes, etc. Fireplaces and woodstoves create ashes and coals, so after removing ashes and coals, place them in a metal can, with a tight fitting lid – never in a paper bag. Store the metal can outside, away from the home, not in the garage or on a deck.



City Fire Marshal, Bill Hamilton, displays a charred smoke detector that saved the lives of an area family. Hamilton encourages residents to check their smoke detectors.

Check smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors weekly, and remember, they make wonderful gifts in this season of giving and sharing.

For more information, contact 240-777-2476. **RR**

INSIDE MAYOR & COUNCIL

A Glimpse into the
City Government at Work



A SALUTE TO OUR VETERANS... Samuel Tom Holiday (top picture, middle), who was awarded the Congressional Silver Medal for his World War II service by helping Allied Forces communicate in the unbreakable language of the Navajo tribe, was the guest speaker on Tuesday, Nov. 11, as Rockville held its annual Veterans Day ceremony at the City's Veterans Park. Also part of the Veterans Day ceremony was resident Jeff Ball, who has won national awards for his music that features the Native American Flute. The ceremonies included a wreath laying by local veterans groups (pictured at bottom), a 21-gun salute by the American Legion Post 86 Honor Guard and the playing of 'Taps.' Pictured at the top are (left to right) Mayor Larry Giammo, Councilmember Susan Hoffmann, Code Talker Samuel Tom Holiday, Councilmembers Bob Dorsey and John Hall, Jr.

59th Mayor and Council Inaugurated

The 59th Mayor and Council of Rockville were sworn into office on Sunday, Nov. 16, with Mayor Larry Giammo beginning his second term by saying that the results of the Nov. 4 City election, in which all five incumbents were re-elected, marks "a rising tide of optimism and enthusiasm in our community."

More than 125 people attended the ceremony at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre in which Giammo was sworn in by Clerk of the Circuit Court Molly Ruhl. The Mayor then administered oaths of office individually to Councilmembers Bob Dorsey (sixth term), John Hall, Jr. (second term), Susan Hoffmann (second term) and Anne Robbins (third term).

A number of elected offi-

cials from other jurisdictions were in attendance including Montgomery County Executive Doug Duncan, State Senator Jenny Forehand and State Delegate Michael Gordon.

In his address, Giammo said the election results "provide a clear mandate to continue to move the revitalization of Rockville's Town Center forward in a thoughtful, balanced way in order to create a new heart for our community."

Looking at a bigger picture, he added that the Mayor and Council are committed to another term with an ambitious agenda. "There is a lot of work to get done in the next two years," he said. "Now it is time us to roll up our sleeves and get back to work." **RR**

In order of total number of votes. **Winners in bold.**

FOR MAYOR	VOTES	PERCENTAGE
Larry Giammo	3,736	61.0 %
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FOR COUNCIL (4 seats)

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NON-BINDING REFERENDUM

Question: Should the terms of office for the Mayor and Councilmembers, effective for the election in November, 2005, be two or four years?

Two years	3,931	64.4 %
Four years	2,173	35.6 %

Giammo Works to Retain Historic Homes Rehabilitation State Tax Credits

Rockville Mayor Larry Giammo has worked throughout the fall to help retain Maryland's Heritage Structure Rehabilitation Tax Credit program, serving on an 18-member task force that will make recommendations to the upcoming session of the General Assembly.

Giammo is the only local jurisdiction mayor on the panel, which is chaired by State Comptroller William Donald Shaeffer. In September, Gov. Robert Ehrlich appointed Giammo to the task force, which includes four secretaries of various state government departments.

Since 1997, the program has provided a state income tax credit of up to 20 percent for qualified exterior and interior

rehabilitation construction for private residences and commercial buildings. However, the program is scheduled to end in June 2004, unless it is extended by the General Assembly.

In addition, Montgomery County provides up to a 10 percent property tax credit for improvements to historic homes.

The task force, which was scheduled for its fifth and final meeting on Nov. 20, will recommend changes to the current program, as well as its extension.

"Preserving historic homes

in Rockville has been a priority of the Mayor and Council," said Giammo, who also serves as the vice chairman of the Legislative Committee of the

Maryland Municipal League. "The work of this task force has demonstrated that this also is an important issue to people around the state. We need this program to keep

encouraging people to designate their properties as historic and keep them as part of our future generations."

A priority of Rockville's Mayor and Council was to have more properties 50 years

and older designated as historic, preserving those properties and the character of the neighborhoods around them. In addition, the individual owners benefit in tax savings and through increased property values due to the demand for historic homes.

In 2003, seven Rockville properties earned historic designation, three are in the designation process and five others have undergone preliminary review.

"In Rockville, we want people to see the benefits of historic designation and request the status," said Giammo. "It is critical to have programs like the Heritage Tax Credit to provide interest and incentives for this important program." **RR**



Mayor
Larry Giammo



Councilmember
Robert E. (Bob) Dorsey



Councilmember
John F. Hall, Jr.



Councilmember
Susan R. Hoffmann



Councilmember
Anne M. Robbins

Mayor & Council Drop In

The Mayor and one Councilmember are available to meet with residents on a drop-in basis in the Mayor and Council office at City Hall from 5:30-7 p.m. on Mondays (unless otherwise noted) when there is a General Session or Public Hearing. Call the City Clerk's Office (240-314-8280) as drop-in times are subject to change.

In addition to Mayor Larry Giammo, Councilmembers scheduled for December are:

- **Dec. 8** John Hall, Jr.
- **Dec. 15** Susan Hoffmann

Mayor & Council Meetings

All General Sessions, Worksessions and Public Hearings are televised on The Rockville Channel, and are available on streaming video at: www.rockvillemd.gov. All meetings are subject to change.

- **Dec. 1 (Mon.)** Worksession (Budget performance, auditor's report, GASB 34), 7 p.m.
- **Dec. 2 (Tues.)** Worksession (Comprehensive Transportation Review), 7:30 p.m.
- **Dec. 8 (Mon.)** Worksession (Environment Commission), 6:30 p.m., and General Session, 7:30 p.m.
- **Dec. 15 (Mon.)** Public Hearing (Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance), 419 Reading Ave. (Historic Designation), 7:30 p.m.

The Mayor and Council will break for Winter Recess and will resume at a General Session on Jan. 12.

Boards & Commissions Vacancies

The City is seeking applicants for the following appointments:

- Animal Matters Board (one)
- Environment Commission (one)
- Human Rights Commission (two)
- Landlord/Tenant (one/tenant)
- Traffic & Transportation (one)

For more information, contact the Office of the City Clerk at 240-314-8280.

Make a Splash This Winter

Wondering how to get or stay in shape during these bitter winter months?

Try taking a swim. Indoors, that is.

The Rockville Municipal Swim Center is adding four classes this season aimed at keep participants active throughout the winter season:

- Aqua Pre/Post Natal
- Deep Water Fit
- Deep Water Workout
- Water Fit

"Swimming is a great overall workout any time of the year," said Aquatics Supervisor Beth Fowler, "but in the winter it's even more appealing as an indoor exercise. We're lucky to have such a great indoor facility, so what better way to encourage people to come than to introduce new classes."

The Aqua Pre/Post Natal classes are particularly appealing since it is sometimes difficult for expecting mothers to maintain fitness levels during their pregnancy. With a certified instructor, the Pre/Post Natal class will ensure women receive a workout in a safe environment. Partici-



The Rockville Municipal Swim Center will offer four new classes this winter. Each class is aimed at keeping fit during the cold winter months. Check the City's Recreation Guide for details, or call 240-314-8475 for specific details.

pants for this class must have a note from their physician or mid-wife approving the activity. The Pre/Post Natal classes run Jan. 8-Feb. 26.

The three new water fit/workout classes are open to anyone and all promise a full-body workout. Water Fit is a basic water fitness class; Deep Water Workout will be all in the deep water and is similar to a deep water jogging class; Deep Water Fit also will be all in deep water and consist of cardio training.

For more information, contact Fowler at 240-314-8745.

SCHEDULE:

- Aqua Pre/Post Natal: Thursdays Jan. 8-Feb. 26, 9:35 - 10:15 a.m.
- Deep Water Fit: Tuesdays Jan. 6-Feb. 24, 6:35 - 7:20 a.m.
- Water Fit: Saturdays Jan. 10-Feb. 28, 11:15 - 11:55 a.m.
- Deep Water Workout: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, Jan. 5-Feb. 27, 9:15 - 10 a.m. (Each day must be registered for separately).RR

Golf Game Going Cold? Winter Rates Will Warm the Soul

Throughout the summer and fall, Rockville's RedGate Municipal Golf Course received extensive upgrades. Now is the prime time to cash in on some rare benefits.

Through March 15, RedGate winter rates will be in effect, affording golfers more value for less than any other course in the greater Washington area.

RedGate, rated one of the top 10 public golf courses in the D.C. Metro area by *Golf Digest Magazine*, completed comprehensive bunker upgrades and beautification in summer. In addition, RedGate recently implemented an easy-to-use online reservation system, and auto-

mated telephone reservation system. Both are free to use.

RedGate is giving players the chance to experience all these upgrades at reduced winter rates.

"A lot of players automatically pack away their clubs once the weather changes or the time changes," said RedGate's PGA Golf Professional Kieron Mooney. "These 'off' months can actually be the best time to work on your game. There are fewer people on the course, the price is lower and you can often get around the course quickly."

The discounted rates, in effect all days of the week, in-

clude 18 holes: non-residents \$25, residents \$22; 9 holes: non-residents \$15, residents \$12; twilight rate (four hours before closing) \$20; replay rate \$12.50. Cart fees also are discounted: \$9 per rider for 18 holes; \$7 per rider for 9 holes; \$5 per rider for replay.

RedGate's winter hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. On Saturday and Sunday the course opens at 8:15 a.m. with a 9 a.m. shotgun start.

By using the course's new online or automated reservation systems, golfers will have a 14-day rolling window to reserve a tee-time, which is a longer timeframe than those who simply call the pro shop. The online reservation system is available at www.redgategolf.com. The automated telephone system is 1-877-776-1179.

Because of limited daylight, through March 15, tee time reservations only will be accepted for spots from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, Monday through Friday and for the 9 a.m. shotgun starts on Saturday and Sunday. All other times are on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The direct phone number for RedGate is 240-314-8730. RR

Rates Through March 15

Red Gate Golf Course

Winter Hours:
Monday-Friday: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday:
Opens 8:15 a.m./
Shotgun start 9 a.m.
Phone: 240-314-8730
Web site: www.rockvillemd.gov/redgate

18 Holes (7 days)	\$25 Non-Resident
	\$22 Resident
9 Holes (7 days)	\$15 Non-Resident
	\$12 Resident
Replay Rate:	\$12.50
Twilight Rate:	\$20 (four hours before sunset)
<u>Cart Rates</u>	
18 holes:	\$ 9 per rider
9 holes:	\$ 7 per rider
Replay:	\$ 5 per rider

City Holiday Events

Holiday Tours at the Beall-Dawson House

Tour the historic Beall-Dawson house in all of its holiday glory from **Dec. 2 through Jan. 4**. The theme for this year's holiday celebration is "Christmas in the 1860s." Tours are followed by home-made cookies and hot spiced cider. Hours are Tuesday to Sunday from 12 noon to 4 p.m., 103 W. Montgomery Ave., Rockville. \$3 adults/\$2 seniors and students. Free to children under 6. Sponsored by Montgomery County Historical Society, Inc. Call for details: 301-340-2825.

Senior Center Holiday Bazaar

The Rockville Senior Center (1150 Carnation Dr.) will host its 20th annual Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, Dec. 6, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Call 240-314-8800 for more information.

Rockville Civic Ballet: "The Nutcracker"

- Saturdays, Dec. 6 and 13: 2:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
- Sunday, Dec. 7: 1 p.m., 4:30 p.m.
- Sunday, Dec. 14: 2:30 p.m.

Performances are held at F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre (603 Edmonston Dr.). Tickets are \$8 for general admission; \$6 for children under 12 and Senior Citizens over 60. Box Office: 240-314-8690.

New York City Trip: See the Rockettes

Tickets are still available for the annual trip to New York City to see the world-famous Rockettes at Radio City Music Hall on Sunday, **Dec. 7**. Call for details: 240-314-8641.

Glenview Mansion Holiday Open House

Glenview Mansion is open every Sunday in December for the public to enjoy holiday entertainment and to tour the mansion in all of its holiday splendor. Admission is free. The hours for viewing are 1-4 p.m. For details call 240-314-8660.

- **Dec. 7:** Encore Singers, The Rockville Singers, the Heavenly Handbells and an opening reception for the mansion's art gallery December exhibit: Rockville Arts League Juried Member Show.
- **Dec. 14:** Richard Montgomery Madrigals, The Heart of Maryland Chorus and the Watkins Mill Chamber Singers.
- **Dec. 21:** Children's open house with a special visit by Santa, Mrs. Claus, Rudolph and Frosty. Rockville Arts Place will hold a hands-on craft project for children.
- **Dec. 28:** Tours by the Glenview Mansion Docents and entertainment by members of the Washington Harp Society.

Rockville Arts Place Holiday Family Day

On Sunday, **Dec. 7**, enjoy a day of free art activities for children, musical performances and treats and fun for the entire family from 1-4 p.m. For information call 301-309-6900.

Rockville Concert Band: "Holiday Concert"

Enjoy the free concert on Sunday, **Dec. 21**, at 3 p.m. at F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre (603 Edmonston Dr.). No tickets are required. For more information call 240-314-8681.

Rockville Chorus, A Holiday Celebration: "Classics and Carols" on Dec. 21

On Sunday, **Dec. 21**, the concert will feature works by Bach, Schubert, Handel, Praetorius and a community sing-a-long. The performance begins at 7:30 p.m. at F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre (603 Edmonston Dr.). The event is free and no tickets are required. For more information call 240-314-8682.

DIVE-IN MOVIE

Rockville Municipal Swim Center

"FINDING NEMO"

Dec. 20, 8 p.m.

Cost Before 7:45 p.m.
\$2 passholders + daily admis.; \$3 non-passholders + daily admis.

Cost After 7:45 p.m.
\$2 passholders; \$3 non-pass holders

Rockville Municipal Swim Center
355 Martins Lane · Rockville, Md. 20850 · 240-314-8750

In Brief

Charlas Meetings

The next Charlas meeting will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 10, at Twinbrook Elementary School. Charlas meetings are a series of meetings designed to help Hispanic parents learn about the services and programs that the City of Rockville has to offer.

In conjunction with Twinbrook Elementary School and the Community Ministries of Montgomery County's Friends in Action, there will be a series of four meetings throughout the school year. All meetings begin at 7 p.m. at Twinbrook Elementary School. Upcoming meetings are:

- Feb. 18, 2004
- April 28, 2004
- June 9, 2004

CALL **240-314-8315** FOR INFO

See Rockettes, NYC

Tickets are still available to see "The Christmas Spectacular," featuring the high kicking, world-famous Rockettes at Radio City Music Hall in New York City. The trip leaves from Rockville's City Hall on Dec. 7 at 5:30 a.m., returning that night.

Tickets are \$153 for City residents and \$175 for non-residents. The cost includes a ticket to the show, luxury

coach transportation and leadership. Call Susan MacPherson Klise to reserve your seat.

CALL **240-314-8641** FOR INFO

Party in the City

Planning a birthday party in the near future? The City of Rockville has many exciting venues and themes for hosting birthday parties: Skate Park party, Nature party at Croydon Creek, Recreation Center parties at Lincoln Park or Twinbrook, Rock Climbing party, swimming party and more. Prices vary by location and number of participants.

CALL **240-314-8620** FOR INFO

Call For Entries

Calling all artists: the entry deadline for the Glenview Mansion Art Gallery's 2005 season is Jan. 9, 2004. Call Arts Program Specialist Kathleen Moran for details.

CALL **240-314-8682** FOR INFO

East Rockville Plan To Planning Comm.

The Planning Commission will dedicate its Dec. 3 meeting to reviewing the East Rockville Neighborhood Plan. The meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. at City Hall.

CALL **240-314-8211** FOR INFO

Para Ud.

La próxima reunión se llevará a cabo el día 10 de Diciembre de 2003 a las 7 p.m. en la escuela elementaria de Twinbrook. "Charlas" es una serie de reuniones en la escuela Twinbrook donde se le informa a los padres/madres de familia sobre los servicios y programas que ofrece la Ciudad de Rockville y el condado de Montgomery a la comunidad Hispana. Este es un program patrocinado por la escuela elementaria Twinbrook, Amigos en Acción, y la Ciudad de Rockville.

Las próximas reuniones para el próximo año son las siguientes:

- 10 de febrero de 2004
- 28 de abril de 2004
- 9 de junio de 2004

Todas la reuniones de Charlas se llevaran a cabo en la escuela elementaria de Twinbrook.

Para mayor información llamar al señor Marcial E. Candido de la Ciudad de Rockville, Servicios para la Comunidad, al teléfono 240-314-8315 o a la señora Monica Barberis-Young de "Community Ministry of Montgomery County," Amigos en Acción, al teléfono 301-315-1103.

CALL **240-314-8315** FOR INFO



IN HONOR OF AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH ... *The City was a proud co-sponsor of the Sixth Annual American Indian Festival, which was held on Nov. 15 in the County Executive Office Building in Rockville. More than 1,500 people visited the festival throughout the day and enjoyed native food, crafts, history and culture. Among the day's many highlights were World Class Hoop Dancer Jackie Bird (Mandan-Hidatsa and Sioux) pictured at top, and an inter-tribal mini-pow wow (bottom photo), led by Head Dancers Ray Silva (Laguna Pueblo) and Brenda Silva (Haliway-Saponi).*

CITY

2-Jan. 4 **Holiday Tours at Beall-Dawson House.** Elegant decorations theme: Christmas in the 1860s. Tours are followed by homemade cookies and hot spiced cider. Tuesday to Sunday, 12 noon-4 p.m. 103 W. Montgomery Ave. \$3 adults/\$2 seniors and students. Children under 6 free. 301-340-2825.

7 **Trip to New York City.** See the Rockettes article 'In Brief' on this page. 240-314-8641.

7,14,21,28 **Glenview Mansion Open House.** Entertainment every Sunday. Holiday decorations throughout the mansion. **Dec. 7:** Encore Singers, The Rockville Singers, Heavenly Handbells and opening reception for the Mansion's Art Gallery show; **Dec. 14:** Richard Montgomery Madrigals, The Heart of Maryland Chorus and the Watkins Mill Chamber Singers; **Dec. 21:** children's open house with Santa, Mrs. Claus, Rudolph and Frosty. Rockville Arts Place hosts children's craft project; **Dec. 28:** Glenview Mansion Docents and entertainment by Washington Harp Society. 240-314-8660.

10 **Charlas Meeting.** Informational meetings for Latino parents to learn about the City's services. In conjunction with Twinbrook Elementary School and "Friends in Action." Meeting is 7-8 p.m. at Twinbrook Elementary School. 240-314-8315.

16 **Town Center Open House.** Open to the public. 7 p.m. at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave. 240-314-8200.

20 **Off Leash Dog Testing.** Tests if dogs can be walked without a leash. Middle Lane Parking Lot. Must register at 240-314-8930.

december calendar of events

RES. = Residents • NR. = Non Residents • MEM. = Member • NM. = Non Member

20 **Dive-In Movie: "Finding Nemo."** 8 p.m. at Rockville Swim Center, 355 Martin's Lane. 240-314-8750.

ARTS

F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre and Glenview Mansion are located in Rockville Civic Center Park at Edmonston Street.

Through Dec. 20

Rockville Arts Place. "Contrasts and Complements" features acrylic paintings by Franck Moeglen and Jean Gaudaire Thor; Janet Jensen's pastel on beeswax ground; and Elsie Hull's photography. For information, 301-309-6900.

6,7,13,14 **Rockville Civic Ballet** presents "The Nutcracker." Show times: Saturdays, Dec. 6 and 13, 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 7, 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 14, 2:30 p.m. F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. \$8 general admission; \$6 children under 12 and seniors over 60. Box Office: 240-314-8690.

7 **Holiday Family Day.** Rockville Arts Place. 1-4 p.m. A day of free kids art activities, music, treats and fun for the family. For information, 301-309-6900.

7 **Rockville Arts Place Annual Meeting** for members. 4 p.m. For information, 301-309-6900.

7-31 **Glenview Mansion Art Gallery.** Rockville Art League, Juried Members Show. Opening reception on Dec. 7, 1-4 p.m.; RAL Awards ceremony at 2 p.m. For more information call 240-314-8682.

15 **Call for Entries Deadline.** Rockville Arts Place. Inspired by Words Juried Members Show. Call for Entries deadline. All media considered. For information, 301-309-6900.

19,20 **National Philharmonic,** "Messiah." 8 p.m. Tickets \$39/\$29/\$19. Call for information: 301-762-8580; or tickets at 240-314-8690.

21 **Rockville Concert Band's** "Holiday Concert." 3 p.m. F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. Free. 240-314-8681.

21 **Rockville Chorus, A Holiday Celebration: "Classics and Carols."** 7:30 p.m. at F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. Free. For more information call 240-314-8682.

NATURE CENTER

All programs at the Croydon Creek Nature Center, 852 Avery Road, Rockville Civic Center Park, unless noted. Registration is required. Phone: 240-314-8770.

6 **Squirrel Proof that Birdfeeder.** 11 a.m.-12 noon. All ages. \$2 RES/\$3 NR.

9 **Snowflakes.** 10-11 a.m. Ages 3-6. \$3 RES/\$4 NR.

13 **Bird Walk for Beginners.** 10:30-11:30 a.m. All ages. \$2 RES/\$3 NR.

17 **Tiny Tot Walk: Winter Wonderland.** 10:30-11:15 a.m. Ages 1 1/2-2 years. \$2 RES/\$3 NR.

17 **Tyke Hike: Winter Wonderland.** 1-2 p.m. Ages 3-5. \$2 RES/\$3 NR.

18 **Make a Snowman Family.** 7-8 p.m. \$4 RES/\$5 NR.

29 **Reindeer Games.** 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Ages 6-13. \$30 RES/\$35 NR.

30 **Fox Trot.** 1-2:30 p.m. Ages 6 and over. \$3 RES/\$4 NR.

31 **Say "Thanks!"** 11 a.m.-1 p.m. All ages. \$5 RES/\$6 NR.

SENIORS

All programs at the Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Dr., unless noted. Phone: 240-314-8800.

1-8 **E-mail Class.** Mondays and Wednesdays. 10 a.m.-12 noon. Registration required. \$15 MEM/\$19 NM.

3 **December Birthday Party** 1:30-3 p.m. Music by Dale Jarrett Trio. Free.

4 **Shopping Online Class.** 10 a.m.-12 noon. Registration required. \$6 MEM/\$8 NM.

6 **20th annual Senior Bazaar.** Shop for crafts, food, raffle and more. 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

9 **In Person Trip Lottery.** 10:15 a.m.

9 **Pneumonia Shots.** 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

10 **Buy New or Upgrade Class.** 1-3 p.m. Free.

11 **Estate Planning.** 10:15-12 noon. Free.

15,17 **Right Click, Left Click Class.** Registration required. 1-3 p.m. \$6 MEM, \$8 NM.

17 **Classical Music Appreciation with Murray.** Register by Dec. 10. Free.

18 **Chronic Lung Disease.** 1-2 p.m. Free.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

All meetings are at City Hall unless noted otherwise. Subject to change.

3 **Planning Commission.** 7 p.m.

3 **Human Rights Commission.** 7:30 p.m.

4 **Recreation and Park Advisory Board.** 7 p.m. Glenview Mansion.

6 **Board of Appeals.** 9:30 a.m.

9 **Human Services Advisory Commission.** 7:30 p.m. Community Services Office, 32 Court-house Sq.

9 **Rockville Seniors Inc.** 1 p.m. Senior Center Board Room.

10 **Cultural Arts Comm.** 7:30 p.m.

17 **Rockville Housing Enterprises (Housing Authority).** 6:30 p.m. 14 Moore Dr.

17 **Planning Commission.** 7 p.m.

18 **Senior Citizens Commission.** 10 a.m. Rockville Senior Center.

18 **Rockville Sister City Corporation.** 7:30 p.m.

18 **Historic District Commission.** 7 p.m.

Rockville Up Close: Fallsgrove Civic Association Dives Right In

Residents help shape Rockville through involvement with neighborhood and civic associations and participation on Mayor and Council-appointed Boards and Commissions. On a regular basis, Rockville Up Close will take an in-depth look at these organizations.

The Fallsgrove Civic Association, the newest neighborhood group in Rockville, is off to an impressive start.

Officially established in May by founders Arthur Goldberg, Hani Miletski and several of their neighbors, the association’s effectiveness has already been demonstrated. In November, the U.S. Postal Service began curbside mail delivery to single-family, detached homes in Fallsgrove, which was an issue the association and the City addressed throughout the summer and fall.

Furthermore, the Civic Association has already managed to draft and adopt its charter and bylaws, which will guide the group in decisions, participation in the community and many other areas.

Of the many important areas included in the by-



The Fallsgrove Civic Association hosted a ‘Celebrate Fallsgrove Fall Festival’ in late October to formally welcome everyone to the community. The event, which was the first full neighborhood gathering, featured an open house of the community clubhouse, food, live music, sculpture dedication and more.

laws, the line “To foster a sense of community throughout Fallsgrove,” has been a major priority.

In October, the Civic Association hosted a “Celebrate Fallsgrove Fall Festival,” featuring an open house of the community clubhouse, dedication of ColorPlay (the sculpture in Village Green), live music, food, games, a moon bounce and more. The Fall Festival was coordinated by the Social Committee, led by Rebecca Barber.

“The positive response from the residents who came and enjoyed ‘Celebrate

Fallsgrove’ is a testimony to the way people want to be involved in ‘community’ if an opportunity is presented,” Barber said. “The outpouring of goods, foods and services from the commercial owners at the Fallsgrove Center was extraordinarily generous and shows the cooperative nature they want to have with the neighborhood residents.”

The festival was an excellent opportunity for Fallsgrove residents to meet neighbors, local leaders and businesses. Members of Rockville’s Mayor and Council were on hand, as were

other political and neighborhood leaders.

“I saw many neighbors meeting other neighbors and leaders who may not have otherwise gotten that chance,” said City Neighborhood Resource Coordinator Dwayne Jenkins.

In addition to the Social Committee, the association also has Communications, Membership, Government Affairs, Land Use and Traffic and Safety committees. The Communications Committee has already developed a newsletter for the Fallsgrove community.

During the sculpture dedication at Village Green, Rockville Councilmember Susan Hoffmann commented how happy the Mayor and Council were to have such beautiful artwork in the City’s newest community.

“As we welcome Fallsgrove into Rockville, we are proud that we will have a piece of art such as ColorPlay to welcome the many residents, guests and business people who will be part of our new neighborhood,” she said.

ColorPlay was designed by artist Steven Canneto, who also was on hand for the dedication. [RR](#)



Volunteer Time: Scholarship Selection Affects Many

There are infinite ways to share talent, experience, expertise and time with individuals or organizations that could use assistance by volunteering in the City. Each month “Volunteer Time” will highlight a different volunteer opportunity to promote an interest in giving back to the community.

There are many ways to volunteer your time and impact the life of someone who needs help. Usually, people do not associate making tough decisions with the joy that comes with volunteering.

The non-profit Rockville Scholarship Foundation, which for almost two decades has been awarding college scholarships, is looking for volunteers to fill its board of directors. Foundation President Bill Ferguson said that being an RSF volunteer can be just as rewarding for those who make the decisions as it is for the recipients of the scholarships.

“It is tough to pick who should get our scholarships because you hate to tell anyone, ‘No,’” said Ferguson, who is the Chief Financial Officer for Investment Properties, Inc.

RSF’s main sponsors include the City of Rockville, the businesses of the Rockville Chamber of Commerce, and corporate sponsors such as MAMSI and Pepsi-Cola.

The eight-to-10 RSF scholarships are given to students with high academic achievements, as well as those who have faced obstacles in trying to get a college degree.

For each scholarship, there are often five times as many applicants, making decisions even more difficult.

“It is a bit of work to be part of the Foundation,” he said. “But when our volunteers meet the eventual winners, they all get this wonderful feeling. You think, ‘Wow, we just made some great choices.’”

To apply to become a volunteer member of the RSF board, contact Ferguson at 301-424-4727. [RR](#)

20th Senior Center Bazaar Is Dec. 6

The annual Senior Center Bazaar is no big secret to the 600-700 people who usually attend each year, but for anyone who has not been, there is just about something for everyone to enjoy.

“We look forward to the event all year,” said Senior Center Supervisor Jill Hall. “It is a great time with a lot of hidden treasures.”

And this year’s 20th annual

bazaar promises to have as many treasures as ever. The bazaar will be held on Saturday, Dec. 6, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. with multiple vendors to visit throughout the day.

More than 80 volunteers will be on hand to assist with the bazaar, which will include homemade food, crafts, plants and the ever popular raffle. This year’s raffle features a

brand new television and a handmade quilt from the Senior Center’s Quilting Group.

“This is one of our major fund-raisers,” Hall said. “An event like the bazaar really helps the Senior Center in many, many ways.”


Everyone is welcome to attend the bazaar, which features a variety of artists who rent spaces to share their work. Bar-

gain hunters are traditionally pleased with the offerings at the bazaar.

“Most of the people who come are not just seniors,” Hall said. “They are just people looking for good prices on well-made and unique items.”

The Senior Center is located at 1150 Carnation Dr. For more information contact the Center at 240-314-8800. [RR](#)

TRC 11	THE ROCKVILLE CHANNEL DECEMBER PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE						
	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
12 midnight until meeting ends	Planning Commission ▼	Mayor & Council ▼	Mayor & Council ▼	Mayor & Council ▼	Mayor & Council ▼	Mayor & Council ▼	Planning Commission ▼
6 am	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report
6:30 am	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline
7 am	Decked Halls	Annual Report	Decked Halls	Annual Report	Annual Report	Decked Halls	Decked Halls
7:30 am	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review
8 am	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report
8:30 am	Mayor & Council ▼	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Mayor & Council ▼
9 am	▼	Mayor & Council Inauguration ▼	Diversity in the City ▼	Annual Report	Mayor & Council Inauguration ▼	Mayor & Council Inauguration ▼	▼
9:30 am	▼	▼	▼	Decked Halls ▼	▼	▼	▼
10 am	▼	Annual Report	Mayor & Council Inauguration ▼	▼	Exploring Rockville's Past	Annual Report	▼
10:30 am	▼	Decked Halls	▼	Mayor & Council Inauguration ▼	Diversity in the City ▼	Decked Halls	▼
11 am	Cityline	Exploring Rockville's Past	Annual Report	▼	▼	Exploring Rockville's Past	Cityline
11:30 am	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review
12 noon	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report
12:30 pm	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline
1 pm until meeting ends	Mayor & Council ▼	Planning Commission ▼	Mayor & Council ▼	Mayor & Council ▼	Planning Commission ▼	Mayor & Council ▼	Planning Commission ▼
4 pm	The Nutcracker ▼	▼	Diversity in the City ▼	Mayor & Council Inauguration ▼	▼	The Nutcracker ▼	▼
4:30 pm	▼	Decked Halls	▼	▼	Mayor & Council Inauguration ▼	▼	Annual Report
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